

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-14 and 17-23 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, all of the pending claims are amended. Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration, as the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution; and (c) place the application in better form for an appeal, should an appeal be necessary. These amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they were made in response to the arguments raised in the Final Rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-5, 7-14 and 17-23 under 35 U.S.C. §101, alleging that the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

By this Amendment, the claims have been amended to recite that the claimed invention is directed to a computer-readable medium encoded with instruction for causing a computer to implement a program for recognizing objects in content. Applicants respectfully assert that a claimed computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program defines structural and functional interrelationships between the computer program and the medium which permits the computer programs functionality to be realized, and is thus statutory under 35 U.S.C. §101. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-5, 7-14 and 17-23 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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